

WOMEN NOW DO ALMOST ALL THE WORK IN FRANCE

—SAYS FAWCETT

Some Few Old Men Mingle With Them In The Fields

CELEBRATE JULY 4TH IN HANDSOME STYLE

Fawcett Also Describes The Soldiers And Towns Of France

In writing home to his mother, Mrs. W. C. Fawcett of Danville, J. Clinton Fawcett on board the U. S. A. C. T. Monticello as Quartermaster's agent, interestingly describes things over there as he sees them. The letter follows:

U. S. A. C. T. "Monticello"
Somewhere in France, July 7, 1918.
Dear Mother:

Well, once again we fooled old Fritz and arrived safe in France although I must say we had some real exciting experiences on our trip across this time, the details of which I cannot relate in this letter. One ship only in our convoy was sunk, however, and that within 300 yards of our ship. I don't mind saying I was just the least bit excited, but I guess excitement was what was needed to relieve the monotony of ship life.

The port at which we landed is one of the oldest cities in France, and is indeed a very historical center. The architecture is very interesting, consisting principally of arcades and towers. Was inside one of the oldest Catholic churches in France the other day. The paintings and various religious decorations were indeed beautiful. There are also some very beautiful villas around this place. It seems the French people like seclusion, as each villa is hemmed in by a stone wall about eight feet high, and peering through the large iron gate at the entrance, one can see the most beautiful lay out of shrubbery and flowers imaginable.

The French soldiers are a very interesting lot, especially their mode of uniform. It would seem as if each regiment had a different uniform, each company in that regiment a distinguishing emblem, and each man in that company a different insignia, as I don't believe I have seen two French soldiers with the same uniform and insignia. The French officers are very much decorated up, their colors being principally light blue coat, bright red trousers with black stripes down each pantalo, and a red or black cap almost covered with gold braid. The French officers have a large club house in the center of the town, to which all Americans are welcomed, so I drop in there for a few minutes every time I go up town.

The women are doing practically all the manual labor in France. They are now harvesting their wheat and going through the country one can see the women, and a few old men, out in the fields with their scythes cutting and gathering in the grain. My, how I would like to get in there with a good reaper and help them out. I can realize now how we used to do our harvesting in the States some fifty years ago.

The Fourth of July over here was observed in great style, by both the French and American soldiers. The city was decorated with flags, the Stars and Stripes mingling with the red, white and blue bars of France, signifying the great friendship now existing between the two countries. All the ships in the harbor were also decorated with flags from bow to stern, and were certainly a beautiful sight.

Well, mother, there is but one thing uppermost in my mind now, and that is an opportunity of getting home to see all of you on my return to the States. Of course, it is impossible for me to say when that will be, but you can rest assured, I am going to make one big effort to get at least a five day leave, and say, won't old Ohio look good to me then? I guess when I do get there I will never want to leave, but until "poly guerre" it is up to some of us to help transport our boys, as well as supplies to this side, even if old Fritz is scouring the briny deep awaiting beneath the surface to send out his death charge to the unwarned and unprotected, which is only one of the many cowardly and unhuman tactics pursued by the Germans in their vain attempt to conquer the world.

With lots of love to all, as ever,
J. CLINTON FAWCETT,
Quartermaster Agent
U. S. A. C. T. "Monticello."

OLD H. S. STAR GOES TO CAMP TAYLOR, KY.

With the departure of the 34 selects for Camp Taylor, Ky., Tuesday morning, there left Mt. Vernon one of the best athletes ever attending high school in the person of Dale (Dixie) Porter, captain of the contingent. "Dixie" played football, basketball, and baseball as well and captained the football team during his senior year through a successful season.

NEW INSIGNIA WORN BY LAST CONTINGENT

34 Selects Have Arm Bands And Officers Termed Special Police

The 34 selects leaving here Tuesday wore different insignia than any other contingent which has entrained so far. On the left arm of each man, two inches above the elbow, was placed an arm band with the letters "U. S. N. A." on it.

On the right arm of the captain, two inches above the elbow, was placed a band with the letters "S. P." (Special Police) on it, while on the right arm of each of the lieutenants two inches below the elbow, was the same band.

These temporary officers were also given certificates which vested in them the power of an army officer until they reached the camp.

'DAD' COULDN'T FIGHT ENOUGH

Son Is Second Of Family To Go In Few Weeks

WAS STAR H. S. ATHLETE

Blair Doesn't Want To Pass Up Chance To Fight The Kaiser

In the Monday's issue of the Columbus Citizen, appeared the following story regarding the recent enlistment of Howard H. Blair of this city in the U. S. Naval Reserves:

"Dad can't do enough fighting for the Blair family," said Howard H. Blair, 18, of Mt. Vernon when he enlisted in the navy at the local recruiting station. His father is Captain H. W. Blair of the Medical Reserve Corps and is stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

Young Blair just passed his 18th birthday last week. He was graduated from the Mt. Vernon high school this spring and was an all round athlete. He was picked as captain of the All-Ohio scholastic basketball team at the high school tourney last winter at Delaware.

"Dad wanted me to enter O. S. U. this fall and study law," he said, "but I decided that a fellow can be a lawyer when he can't be anything else and you don't always have a chance to fight a guy like the Kaiser."

Blair tried repeatedly to enlist since he was graduated from the high school, but could not get in because he was under 18. His father wouldn't consent to his enlistment, but as soon as he passed 48 he obtained an affidavit to show he was old enough and enlisted. He was sent to the Great Lakes Naval Training station.

PIKE CHURCH WILL HAVE SERVICE FLAG

As a tribute of respect to their representatives in the service, the members of the Pike church will hold a special service on Sunday, when a service flag will be unveiled and the honor roll read.

COLORED MAN ANNOYS; IS WARNED BY MAYOR

As it was claimed that he was annoying operators of the Mt. Vernon Telephone Co., a colored man, who does janitor work in a few local offices, was warned by the mayor Tuesday to stop such actions.

SPARTA BOY OVERSEAS

SPARTA, Aug. 27—John Butler of E Company 153rd Infantry, 39th Division, has arrived safely overseas according to word received here by his parents Mr. and Mrs. George Butler.

HOME FROM CAMPING TRIP

Haron Tinkley returned to this city Tuesday after camping with five other Mt. Vernon boys at Rocky Hollow, near Milwood.

INDUSTRIES PART OF BATTLE FRONT SAYS CPT. CHURCH

States Each Soldier Abroad Backed Up By 3 Tons Of Equipment

STARS AND STRIPES FIRST IN GERMANY

Enough Work Now To Kepp All Manufactories Busy

Many facts of an enlightening nature were revealed at the noon-day luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday by Captain William Church, an inspector in the ordnance division of the army, in his speech on "How Production and Cooperation of Industries Will Help Win the War."

Before entering into the main body of his speech, Captain Church called the attention of those present to the fact that while France and England have suffered and done a great deal toward holding the Germans back in the first year of the war, it was primarily little Belgium that kept the Hun hordes from Paris and thence to London and no country suffered more in so doing, while it was Italy that kept the Austrians from closing in on the rear.

That the industries of the United States are virtually a real part of the fighting front in Europe and that, without the industries of this country to back them up, the boys at the front would be annihilated, was the word brought here by the speaker. According to Captain Church, it takes three tons of ammunition, equipment, etc., to back up each soldier landed on foreign soil.

The government is now in need of securing more manufacturing plants to help in the output of war materials, declared the speaker, and further stated that there is enough work to be done on these war materials to keep every manufactory in the United States running 100 percent. In connection with some bad contracts being let by the authorities at Washington, Captain Church said that while it was true that a few contracts had turned out bad so far, that there was a clause in every contract let by this government which stated that said contract was not closed for five years and that if there were any profiteers who had got a big graft from the contracts, they would be forced to pay in the end before the contract expired. Captain Church then went on to say that he was well acquainted with the organization of the ordnance division of the army and he positively knew that much of the graft spoken of, was greatly magnified.

COURT NEWS

W. R. Stull has been appointed administrator of the estate of Elizabeth M. Blair by the probate court. Bond was furnished in the sum of \$3000 with Herbert Blair, Mary Stull and S. W. Yauger as sureties. The appraisers are S. W. Yauger, B. F. Tulloss and Marvin Purdy.

Named Administrator—Charles L. Belmont has been appointed administrator of the estate of James M. Freese by the probate court. Bond was furnished in the sum of \$2,500 with a guaranty company as surety. The appraisers are John Higgins, Frank Baird and James Bell.

Guardian Appointed—Rilla M. Simmons has been appointed guardian of Paul D. Simmons and others by the probate court. Bond in the sum of \$2,500 was furnished with Charles H. Simmons and Calvin H. Simmons as sureties.

Will Admitted—The will of S. J. White has been admitted to probate in the probate court.

Guardian Appointed—Owen E. Dunlap has been appointed guardian of Dorothy E. Dunlap and others by the probate court. C. I. Sheldon and C. C. Letter were given as sureties for the \$200 bond furnished by the guardian.

Real Estate Transfers

William L. Cooke and wife to H. D. Weaver, parcel in Fredericktown, \$3,700.
Wallace W. Bailey and others to William Bailey, parcel in Gann, \$1000.

KNOX CO. NEWS

GUSHER LOCATED
BRINKHAVEN, Aug. 28—A well, which was drilled in Monday on the Ross farm in Jefferson township by the Ohio Fuel Supply Co., has a flow which is estimated at 10,000,000 cubic feet a day.

DANVILLE, Aug. 28—Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Dial and daughter who have been visiting relatives near here returned to their home in Utica Tuesday.

MT. LIBERTY, Aug. 28—C. W. Wintermute and son, Harold, and Orto Masteller attended the state fair at Columbus Wednesday.

BRANDON, Aug. 28—Mrs. Roy Morrey returned to her home here Saturday after undergoing an operation at the Mt. Carmel hospital some time ago and is doing nicely.

DANVILLE, Aug. 28—Miss Vinnie Edgar went to Akron Wednesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. McGinley and Mr. and Mrs. William O'Brien.

BREAK CAMP
GAMBIER, Aug. 28—Mr. and Mrs. William Harker and son, Harry, and daughter, Wilda, of Mt. Vernon and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Glecker of Newark, returned to their home Wednesday after camping at Big Cliff, near this place.

GO TO CONVENTION
SPARTA, Aug. 28—Mrs. Mary Robertson, Miss Goldie Taylor and Miss Alta Easterday went to Mansfield Wednesday to attend the convention of Women's Foreign Missionary society of the Mansfield district.

GAMBIER, Aug. 27—The Misses Martha Wolfe and Ruth Horn of this place have returned home after visiting the latter's grandmother, Mrs. Rebecca Stricker, of Gladensburg.

CONFER DEGREE ON FOUR

The initiatory degree was conferred upon four candidates Tuesday evening by the Quindaro lodge, No. 316, I. O. O. F., and three candidates were elected to membership.

MISS HERDMAN ACCEPTS POSITION IN SCHOOLS

Miss Elliott having tendered her resignation to the school board several days ago, Miss Francis Herdman, who has been employed in Akron the past few weeks, has offered the position of secretary to Supt. Zemer and has accepted.

DOUGLAS RECEIVES ORDERS TO REPORT

Dr. S. A. Douglas, superintendent of the Bio State Sanatorium, has received orders to report in New York on Friday where he will join 100 other physicians and go abroad. His headquarters will probably be in Rome, Italy.

MRS. JUERCONS DIES

GREER, Aug. 28—Mrs. Charles Juercons, aged 67 years, died at her home here Tuesday evening. She leaves her husband and seven children, Julius, John and Fred, who are in the 84th Division N. A. Mrs. William Lemuel, Mrs. William Poland, Mrs. James Fockler, and Mrs. Clarence Stumbaugh.

ELLIOTT AT CAMP MEAD

That he is well at Camp Mead, L. I., and expects to sail soon is the word received here by relatives from Ray Elliott.

CARMAN ASKS AID IN CATCHING PERSONS SOLICITING FALSELY

As a result of a large amount of soliciting being done for the Salvation Army by persons having no authority to do so, Captain Carman requested Wednesday morning that anyone found making solicitations, without a written permit from him, be noted carefully and then the case be reported to the Captain by calling 504 red.

Mrs. W. F. Edgewood left for her home in Silver Lake, Ind., after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Smalley of the Newark road.

Miss Bertha Belt of West Gambier street is spending several weeks with her brother, Burgess C. Belt, at Charlestown, W. Va.

Mrs. Barbara Carle went to Columbus Tuesday to spend a week with relatives.

Mrs. C. G. Schaffer went to Waterford Tuesday to visit relatives. Paul Eckenrode of Barborton, formerly of this city, is spending a few days here.

Society Notes

Bone-Tucker Wedding

Mr. Leslie Edison Bone of Wayne township and Miss Mary Ethelyn Tucker of Fredericktown were united in marriage at 8 o'clock Monday evening at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. H. M. Noble.

Hayes-Barton Wedding

Word has been received here of the marriage of Lieutenant H. G. Hayes and Miss Doris Barton, which occurred at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barton, 187 South Burgess avenue, Columbus, Thursday afternoon. Lieutenant Hayes left Columbus Saturday for an eastern point from which he expects to leave soon for France.

Miss Barton is the niece of Judge and Mrs. Park B. Blair and has often visited in this city.

ALLIED SOLDIERS CLEAR TRENCHES OF RATS BY GAS ATTACK

[By Associated Press to The Banner] **BEHIND BRITISH LINES IN FRANCE, Aug. 28**—An enemy whose activities do not figure in the official reports but against which Allied soldiers wage daily warfare is the rat. Tens of thousands of rats, huge sharp-fanged fighters, have dug themselves in among the billets and trenches in France and Flanders, and they are a constant torment. Thanks to modern medical science, there has been little or no disease communicated by the rodents.

Rats multiply rapidly in the trenches and thrive well. They steal the soldier's rations, disturb his rest and spitefully bite him when he offers resistance. The pest is hunted with ferrets, terriers, poison and traps, and when particularly numerous given a gas attack. After the trenches are drenched with gas, they are generally clear of rats for a long period.

Mrs. Hattie Marshall went to Kenton Tuesday to spend a few days with relatives.

Mrs. William E. Beard and daughter, Helen, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Herron.

Mrs. Edna Syler and daughter, Rowena, attended the state fair Wednesday.

B. Farmer of Howard was in this city Monday.

Probate Judge P. L. Wilkins attended the Ohio state fair Monday.

H. Chase went to Columbus Wednesday to attend the state fair.

THINK UP MANY NOVEL SCHEMES TO DEFEAT HUNS

British Amateur Inventors Would Have Won War Long Since If Methods Were Practicable.

LONDON, Aug. 1—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—If the dreams of numerous British amateur inventors who have been besieging the Ministry of Munitions could be realized, the war would have been over long since and little would be left of the German army. Recent proposals include the following:

Freeze the clouds and mount artillery thereon.

Train cormorants to fly to Essen to pick the mortar from Krupp's walls so that they will crumble.

Trail from balloons monster magnets that would snatch rifles from the hands of the German soldiers.

Perch men on shells to steer them. A suggestion often submitted is to attach a searchlight to an anti-aircraft gun, project the light on a Gotha and shoot along the beam. Unfortunately, shells will not follow a path of light.

Other schemes for dealing with hostile aircraft are to suspend heavy guns from captive balloons; to arm defense airplanes with scythes; to provide heat rays for setting Zeppelins on fire, and to cover the moon with a big black balloon. To prevent polished rails shining at night and acting as a guide to enemy aircraft, the black coach of the last train is to drop blacking on them.

A shell containing gravel is to lay a pathway over mud, and another, containing an irritant powder of a sticky substance, is to hamper machine guns.

The "relay shell" is a favorite proposal, the plan being for a shell at the height of its flight to expel a smaller inner shell. As a shell does not point directly along its trajectory, it would be impossible to secure accuracy of aim for the second shell.

Among the more miscellaneous projects are:

To petrify German soldiers by squirting cement over them.

To throw snakes by pneumatic propulsion into the enemy trenches.

To penetrate and attack Germany itself via a "tube" built "all the way" from England.

It is said that about one suggestion in ten that reach the Ministry of Munitions is novel and possible.

The Air Ministry announces that its air inventions committee, formed about nine months ago, has examined more than 5,000 inventions and suggestions.

BANNER CLASSIFIED ADS. PAY

BIG PICNIC PLANNED BY ODD FELLOWS; TO BE HELD LABOR DAY

Plans are under way for all the lodges of I. O. O. F. in Knox county to hold an all day picnic at Riverside Park on Labor Day. Past Grand Master Frank Culp will speak and, beside other numbers on the program, the band will be present to render a few selections. A picnic dinner will be served at noon while athletic contests and games will also serve to make the picnic an enjoyable affair.

SON OF LOCAL MAN IS COMMISSIONED CAPTAIN IN ARMY

That their son, Joseph S. Kroft, formerly a contractor in Scranton, Pa., has been commissioned a captain in the quartermasters' corps and will report to Washington, D. C., next week, as assistant to the officer in charge of government construction work, is the word received in this city by Joseph Kroft of East Burgess street. One of the Scranton papers speaks of Captain Kroft as being one of the best known men in Scranton and praises him for forfeiting four big contracts, which he had just received, and going into the military service.

R. R. Sellers went to Columbus Wednesday.

John Wittington and son, Arnold spent Wednesday in Columbus.

Harold Biggs of Gambier was in this city Monday.

FOR SALE—120 acres land in Michigan. Good team, wagon, harness, cow, calf, pigs. Will sell or trade. What have you to offer? Inquire of J. Erow, 6 E. Ohio Ave. 11*
Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fultz spent Wednesday in Columbus.

SHERIFF'S SALE

Mary H. Ball
Ellen Yeager et al.
Knox Common Pleas.
By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Knox County, Ohio, and to me directed, I will offer for sale at the door of the Court House, in Mount Vernon, Knox County, on

Saturday, the 5th day of October, 1918

between the hours of 1 p. m. and 3 p. m. of said day, the following described lands and tenements, to-wit: "Situate in the County of Knox and State of Ohio, and in Clinton Township, being Lots Numbers 56, 57, 58 and 59 as designated on a plat of a subdivision of street of land in the Quarter Township and Range as shown thereon and known as White's heirs proposed addition to the City of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and being the same premises conveyed to this grantor (Ellen Yeager) by deed dated July 14, 1894, and recorded in Deed Book No. 101, page 88, of Knox County, Ohio, Deed Records, and signed by George B. White and others. The above described premises are located on the extension of East High St. and being the first house east of the Center Run bridge on the North side of said extension of High St.

Appraised at \$2,500.00.
Terms of sale—One-third cash, one-third in one year and one-third in two years or purchaser may pay all cash if he so elects.

WALTER P. MOSHOLDER,
Sheriff Knox County, Ohio.
W. A. Housack, attorney for plaintiff.
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